

Application Number 10/530426
Response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2009

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

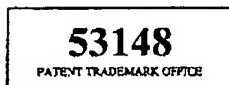
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the refractive index of the low refractive index layer is lower than that of the transmittance adjusting layer by including the values of the refractive index ranges of these layers such as "1.4 to 1.6" and "2.0 to 3.0" as supported by the specification at page 13, lines 13-20 and page 11, lines 24-28, respectively. The refractive indices of the transmittance adjusting layer and low refractive index layer are defined as those with respect to the laser beam at page 5, line 24-32 and page 6, lines 23-31, respectively.

Claims 1 and 3-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as not complying with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to include that the refractive indices of the transmittance adjusting layer and the low refractive index layer with respect to the laser beam are in the ranges of 2.0-3.0 and 1.4-1.6, respectively. There is clear support for these ranges as noted above, and the written description rejection should be withdrawn. In addition, the refractive index of the low refractive index layer in amended claim 1 still must be lower than that of the transmittance adjusting layer, and thus Nishihara et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0054983) cited in the previous Office Action mailed January 21, 2009 is not relevant.

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In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.



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